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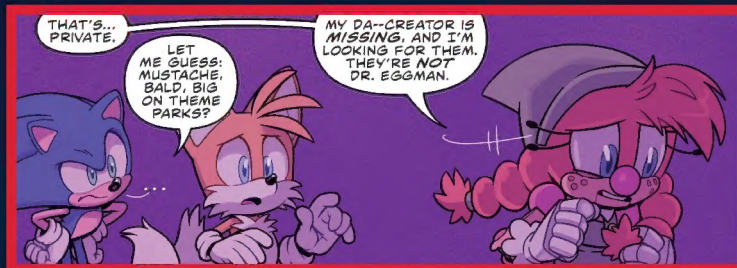
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STORY SO FAR





SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

The Blue Blur.
Fastest Thing Alive.



AMY ROSE

Hammer-swinging Heroine.
Restoration ally.



MILES "TAILS" PROWER

Tech-savvy Sidekick.
High-flying genius.



JEWEL THE BEETLE

Crystal Curator.
Restoration leader.



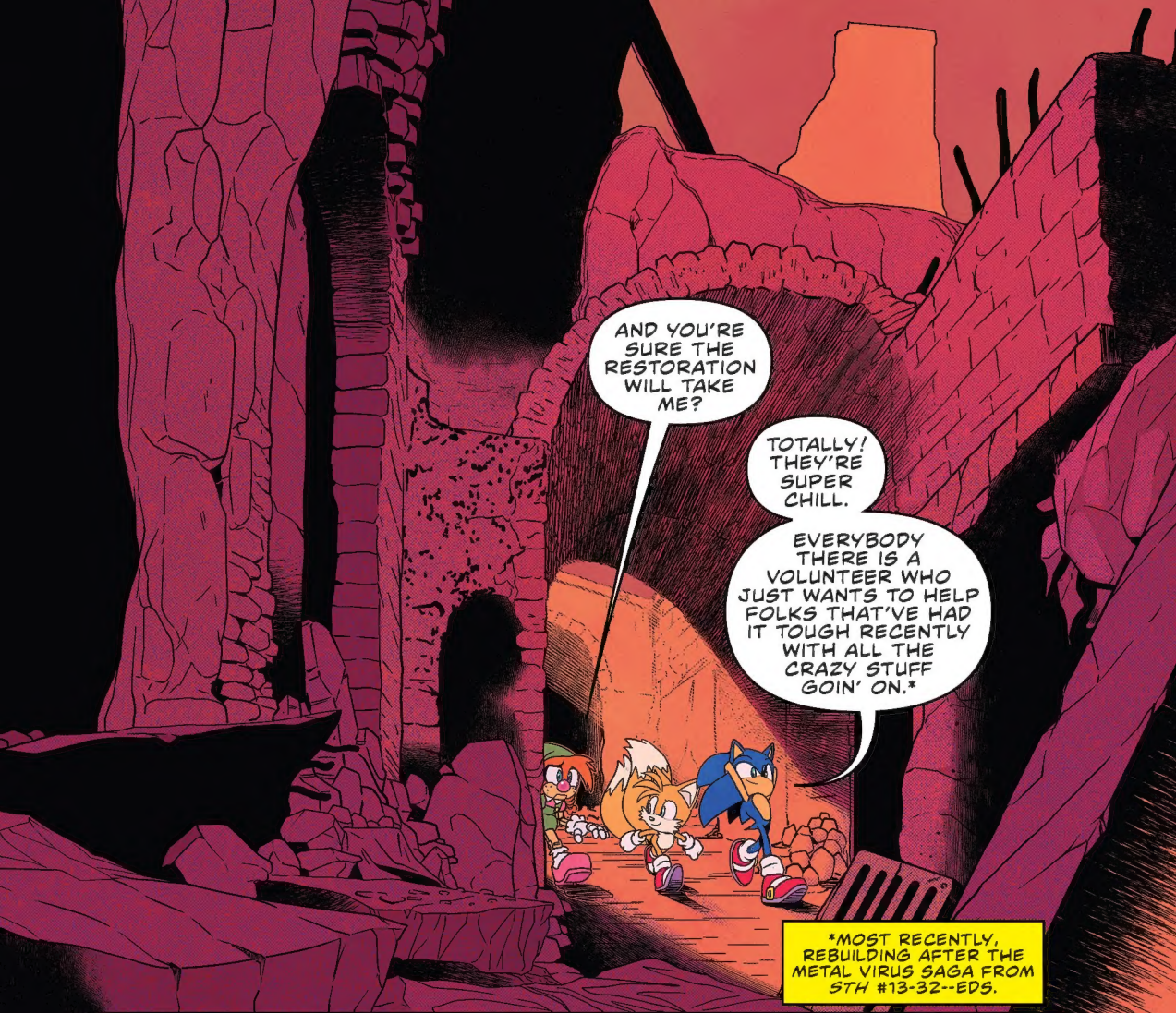
TANGLE THE LEMUR

Excitable Hero.
Elastic-tailed brawler.



BELLE THE TINKERER

Enthusiastic new-comer.
Clumsy Marionette.

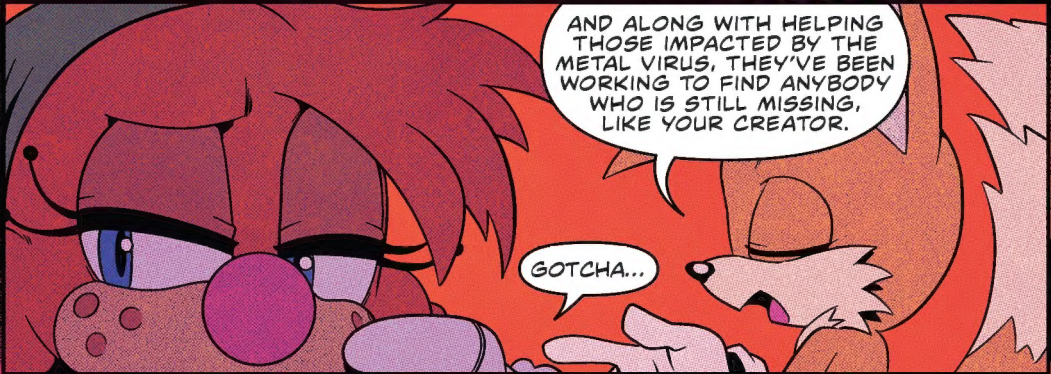


AND YOU'RE
SURE THE
RESTORATION
WILL TAKE
ME?

TOTALLY!
THEY'RE
SUPER
CHILL.

EVERYBODY
THERE IS A
VOLUNTEER WHO
JUST WANTS TO HELP
FOLKS THAT'VE HAD
IT TOUGH RECENTLY
WITH ALL THE
CRAZY STUFF
GOIN' ON.*

*MOST RECENTLY,
REBUILDING AFTER THE
METAL VIRUS SAGA FROM
STH #13-32--EDS.



AND ALONG WITH HELPING
THOSE IMPACTED BY THE
METAL VIRUS, THEY'VE BEEN
WORKING TO FIND ANYBODY
WHO IS STILL MISSING,
LIKE YOUR CREATOR.

GOTCHA...

ARE YOU SURE THIS IS
THE RIGHT PLACE? SORRY,
BUT IT LOOKS A
LITTLE... RUINED.

SURE,
I'M SURE!



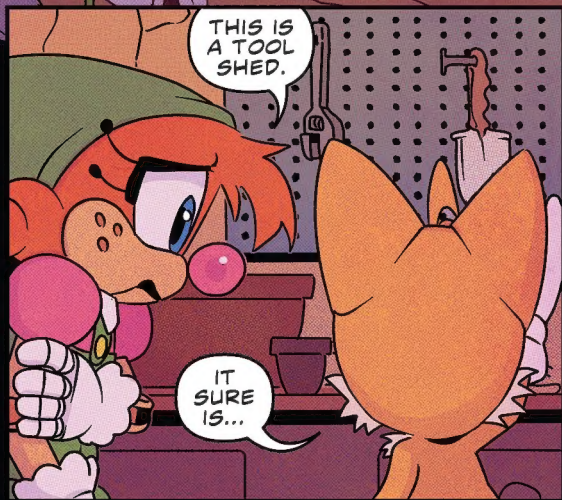


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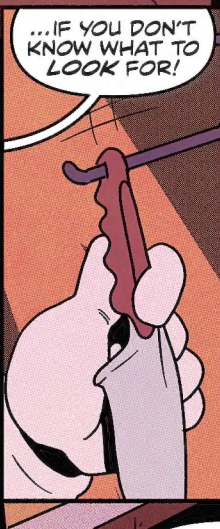
CARE TO DO THE HONORS, BUDDY?

ON IT!



THIS IS A TOOL SHED.

IT SURE IS...



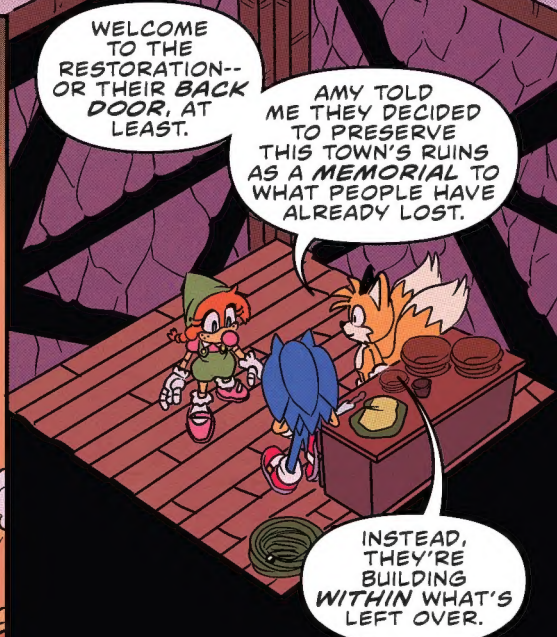
...IF YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT TO LOOK FOR!



CHUNK

YEEK!

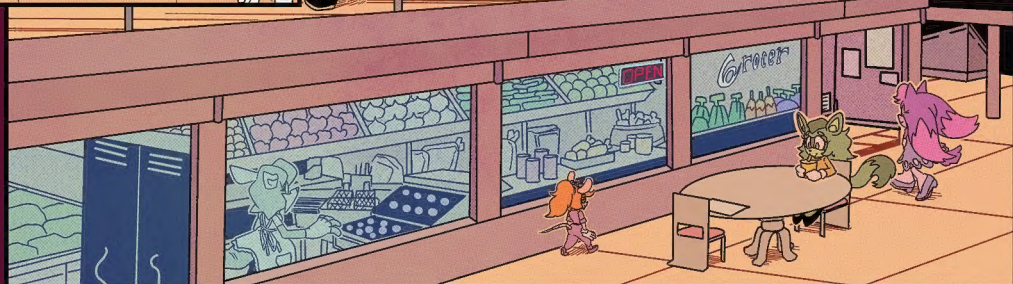
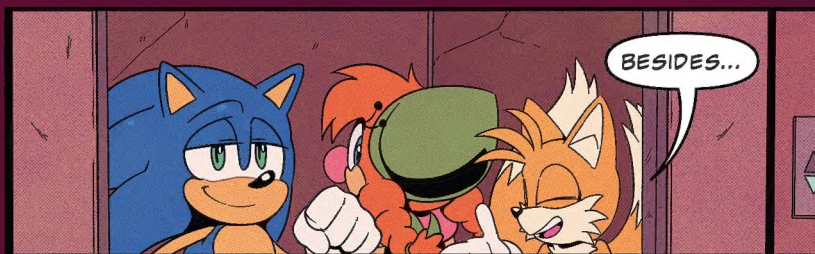
YOU MIGHT WANNA HOLD ONTO SOMETHING.

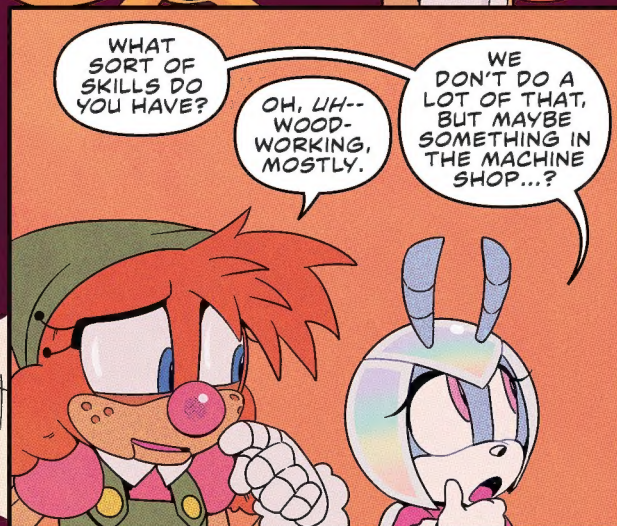
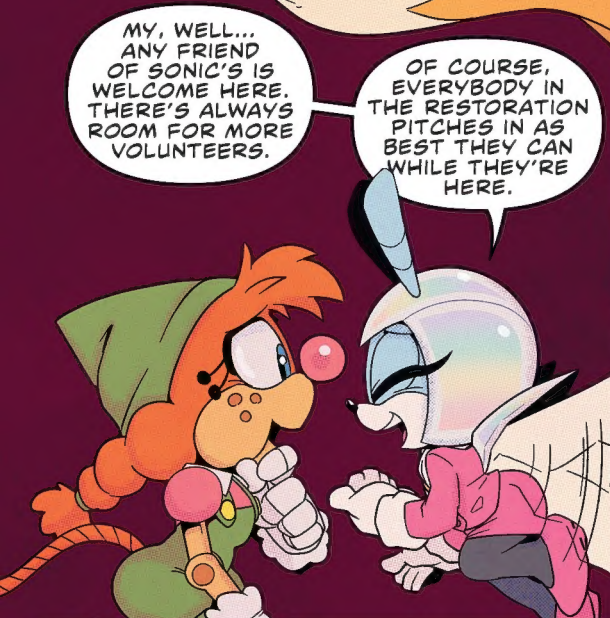
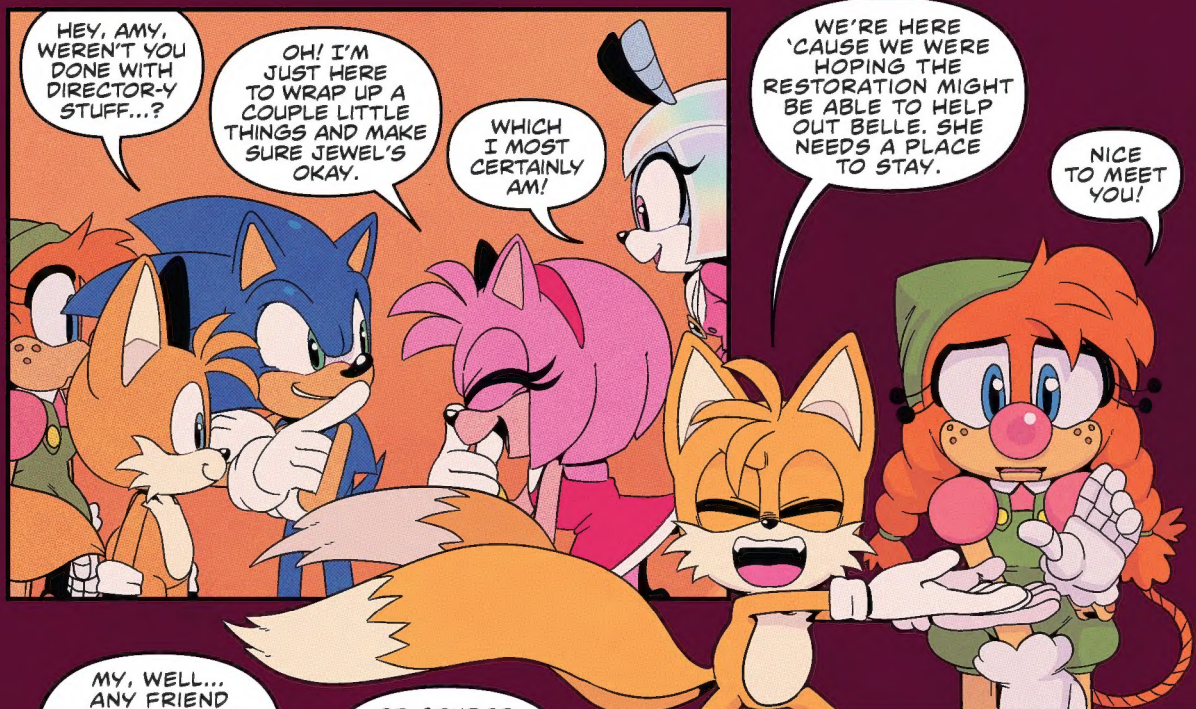


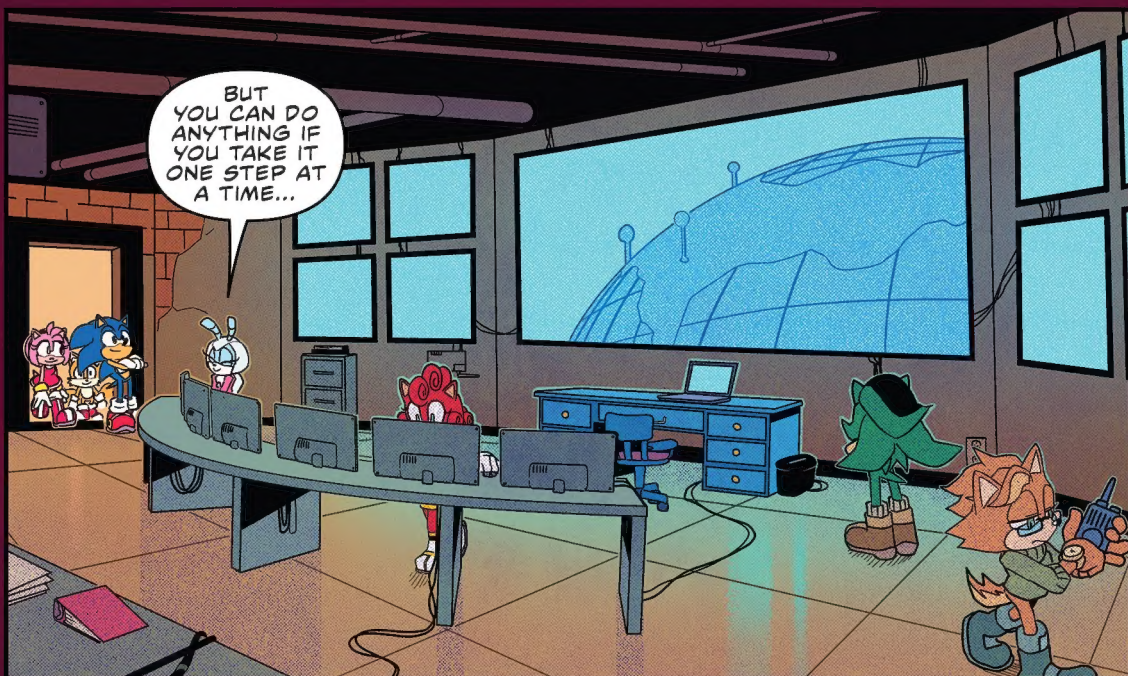
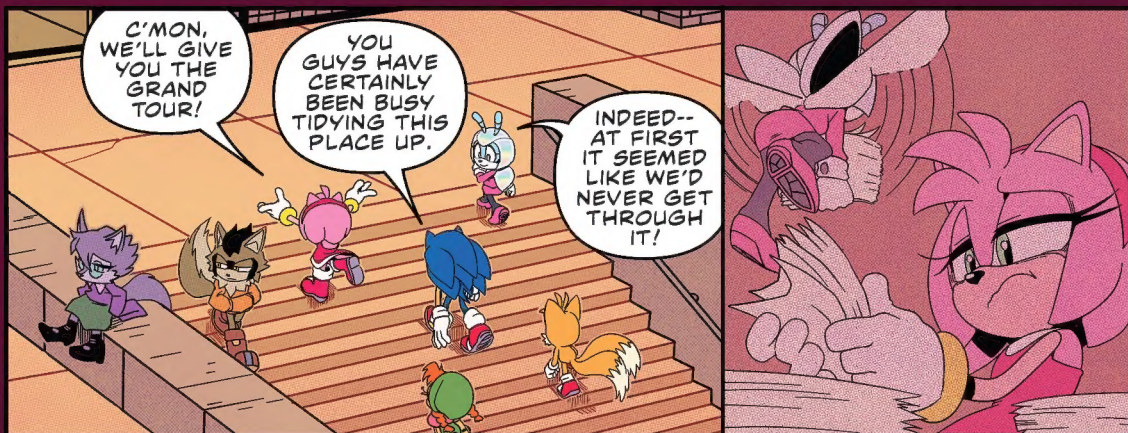
WELCOME TO THE RESTORATION-- OR THEIR BACK DOOR, AT LEAST.

AMY TOLD ME THEY DECIDED TO PRESERVE THIS TOWN'S RUINS AS A MEMORIAL TO WHAT PEOPLE HAVE ALREADY LOST.

INSTEAD, THEY'RE BUILDING WITHIN WHAT'S LEFT OVER.





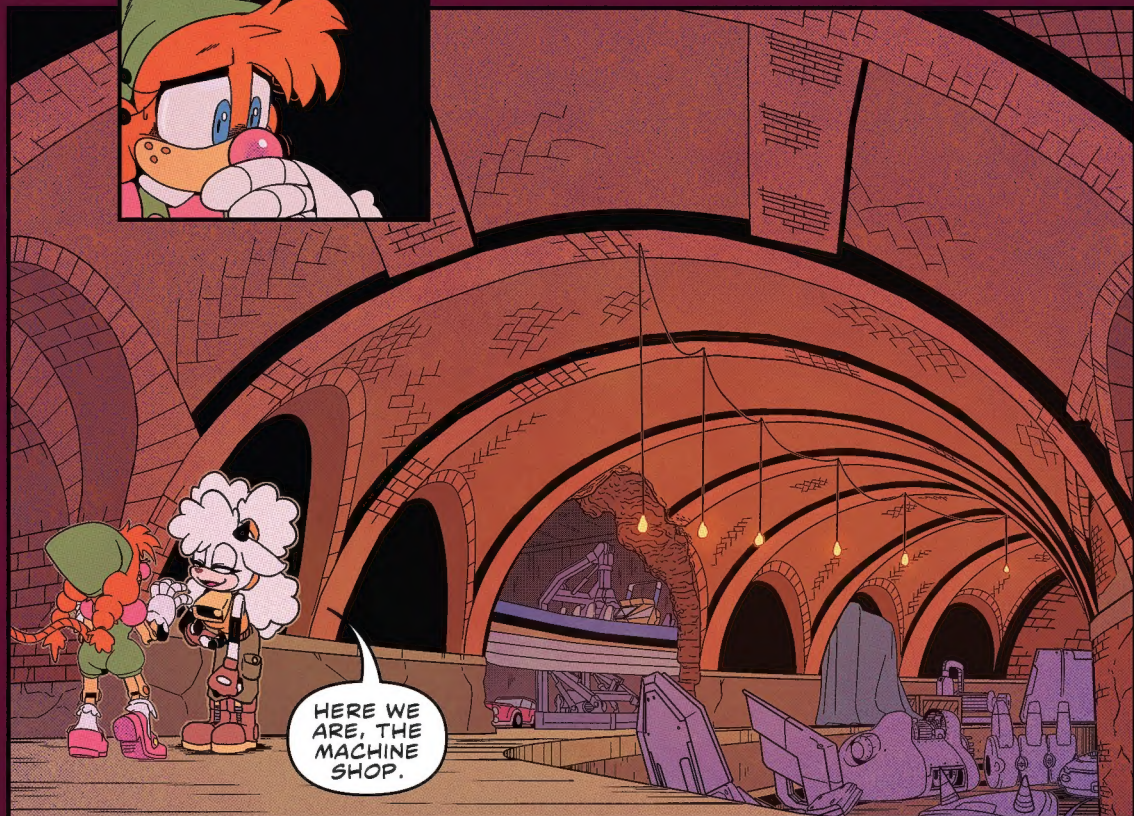


MEANWHILE...

WHAT KIND OF ROBOT IS THAT?

KINDA CREEPY...

...WHAT'S WITH HER NOSE?



HERE WE ARE, THE MACHINE SHOP.

SIR! I HAVE A NEW RECRUIT FOR YOU, STRAIGHT FROM THE DIRECTOR.



WHAT'D I TELL YOU ABOUT THAT OFFICIAL-TYPE STUFF? YOU GOTTA RELAX, SISTER.

YES, SI--OKAY. DULY NOTED.

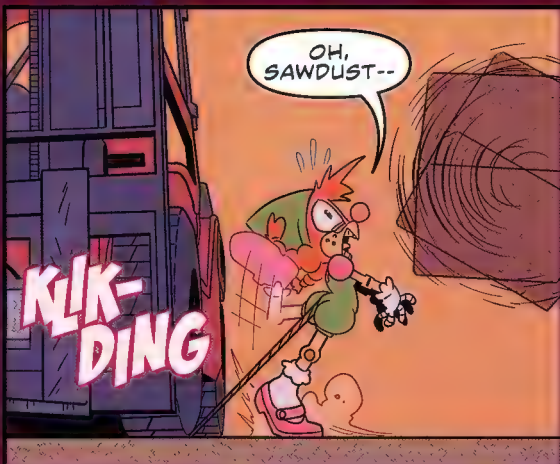
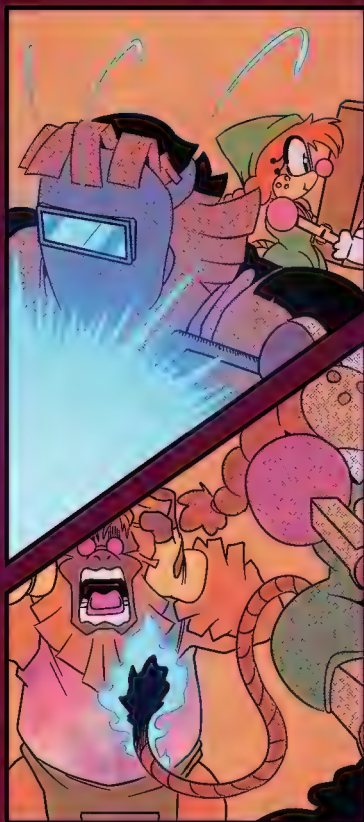
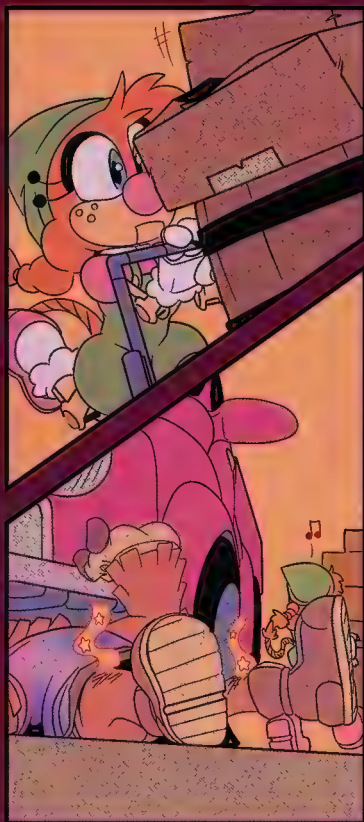
THAT'S A FAR-OUT LOOK. WHAT'S YOUR MAKE?

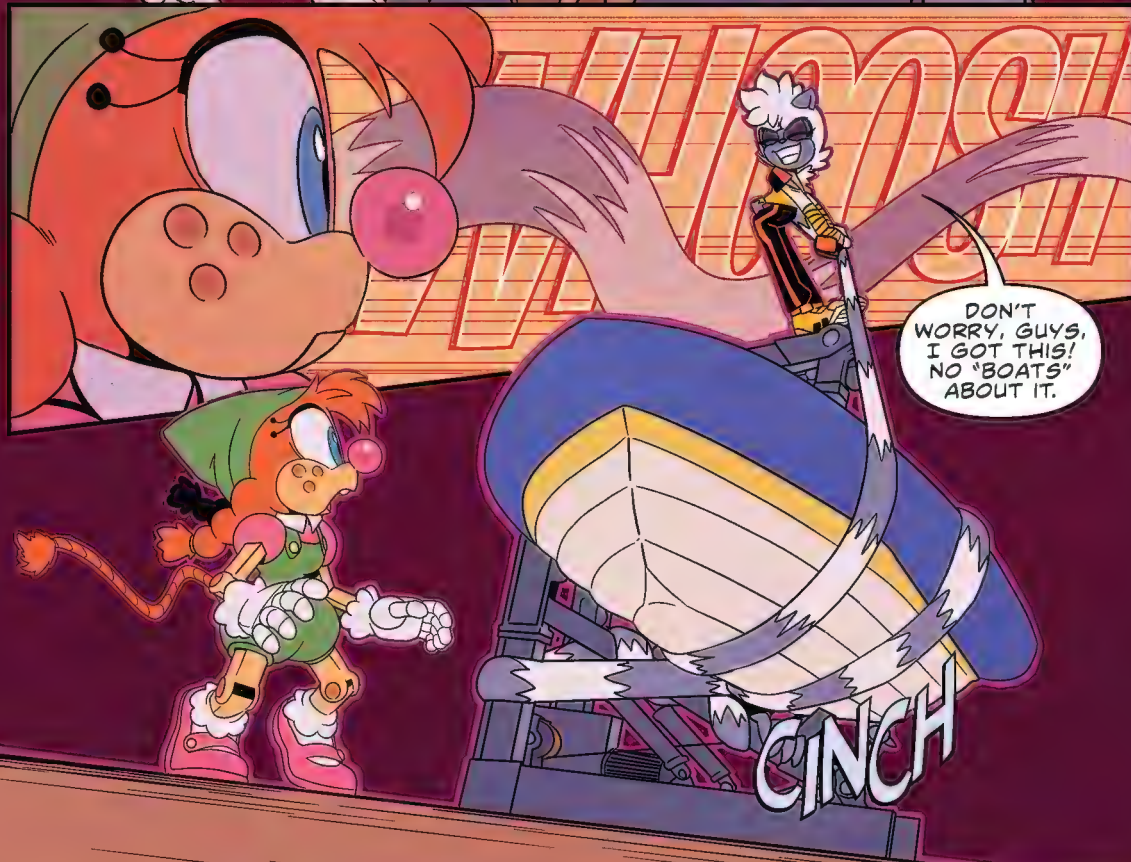
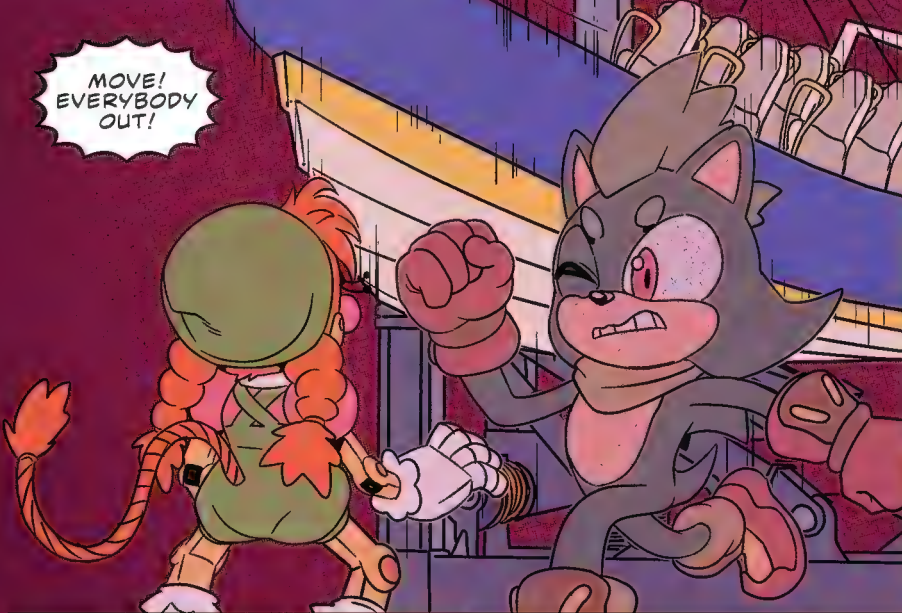
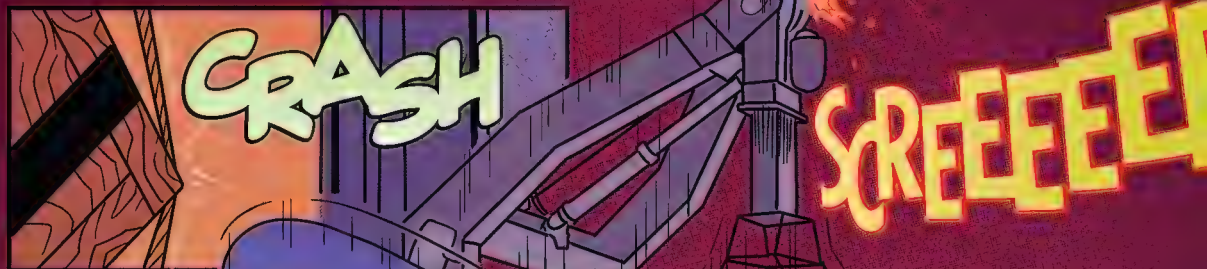
CUSTOM-BUILT... I'M BELLE, NICE TO MEET YOU.

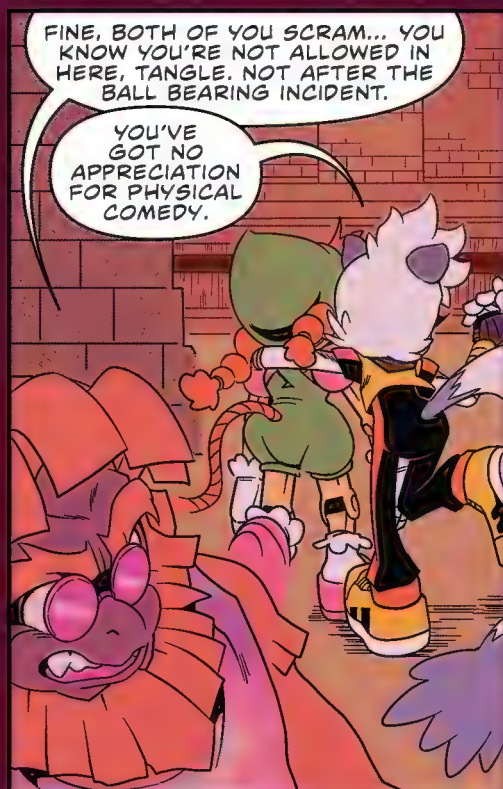


GROOVY. GRAB A WRENCH AND GIMME A HAND WITH THIS DONPA SEDAN HERE.



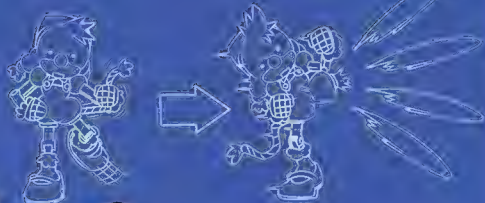






BESIDES,
THAT KICK
WAS EPIC!
HOW'D
THAT EVEN
HAPPEN?

OH, YEAH...
IF MY TAIL
GETS PULLED,
I DO THIS
KICK THING. IT'S
AUTOMATIC.
SORRY.



WEIRD TAIL
BUDDIES...

PLEASE
DON'T PULL
THAT.

I'M TANGLE. WE
COULD PULL THE
SICKEST STUNTS
WITH THESE
BABIES. LET'S
BE FRIENDS.

I'M BELLE,
NICE TO MEET
YOU...?

NOW WE
JUST NEED
SOMETHING
EXCITING TO
HAPPEN...

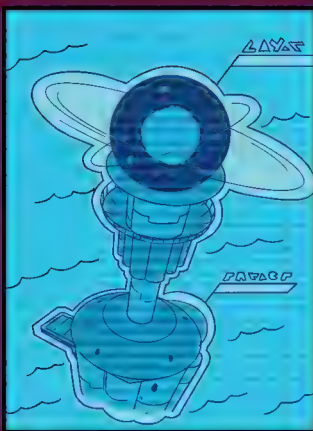
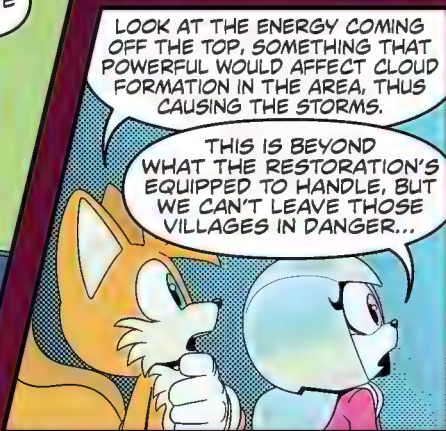
EXCITING
HOW?

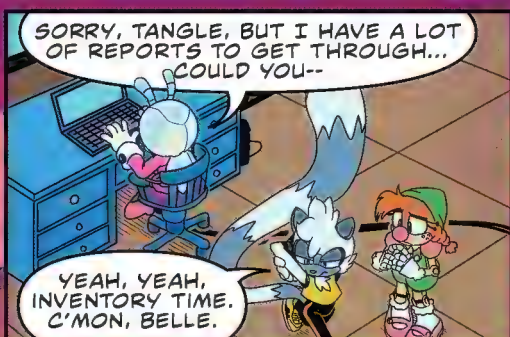
DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE
FREAK STORMS ALL ALONG
THE COAST? NO WAY IT'S
NATURAL.

IS IT DR.
EGGMAN
AGAIN?

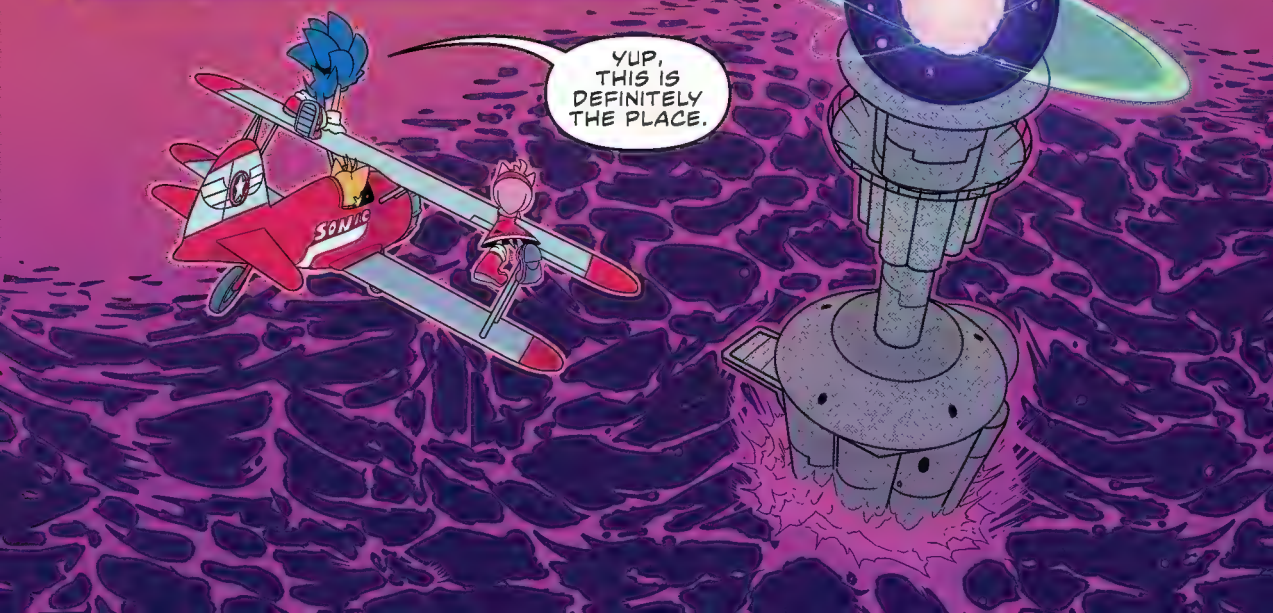
OH,
BOY...

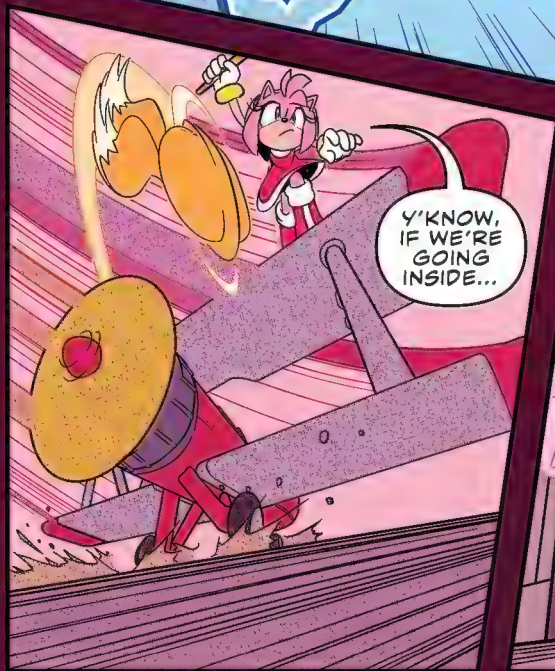
WHO
KNOWS? I'M
JUST GLAD IT'S
NOT MY JOB TO
FIGURE IT OUT.

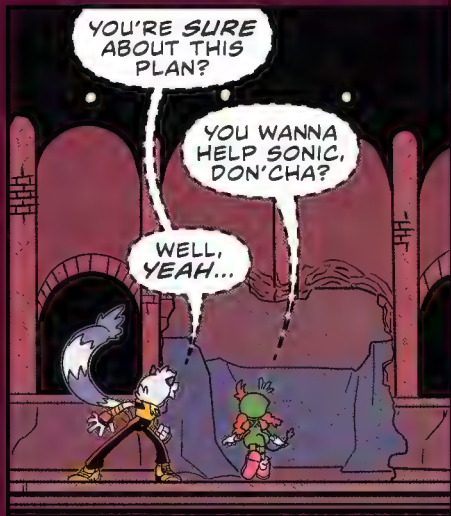
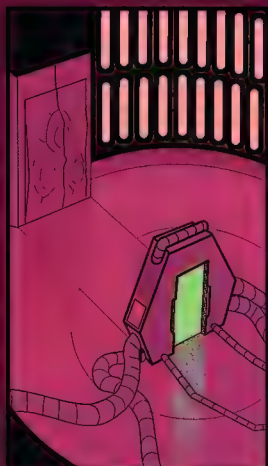




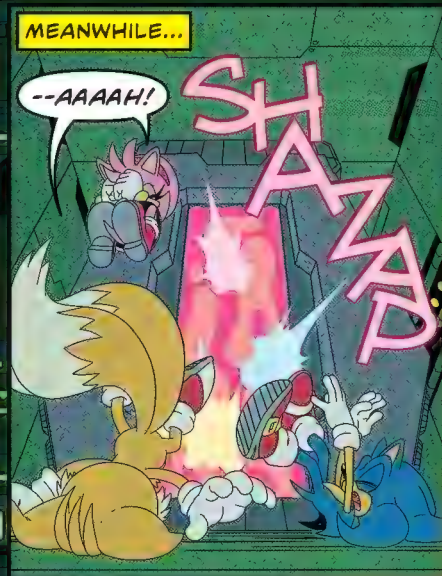
LATER, A FEW MILES OFFSHORE OF SEASIDE CITY...

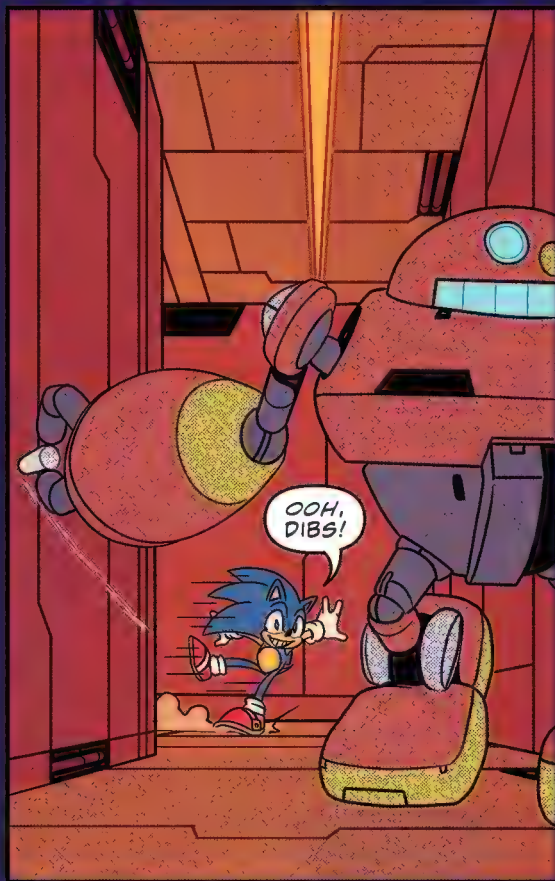


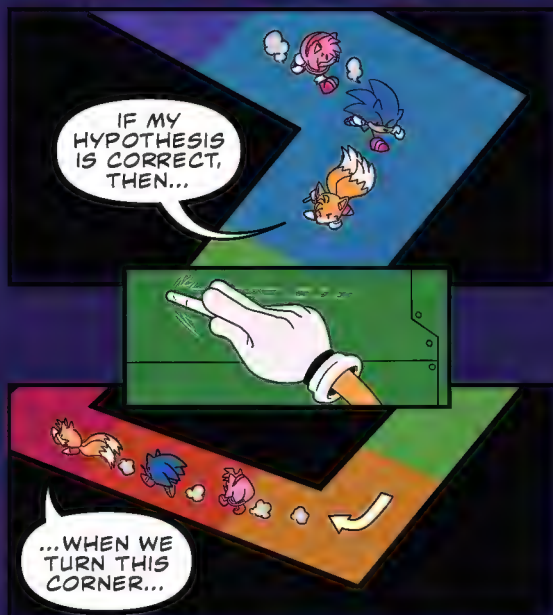


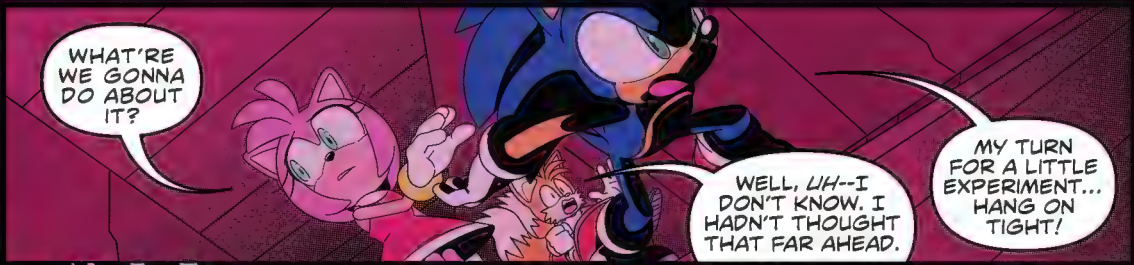












WHAT'RE WE GONNA DO ABOUT IT?

WELL, UH--I DON'T KNOW. I HADN'T THOUGHT THAT FAR AHEAD.

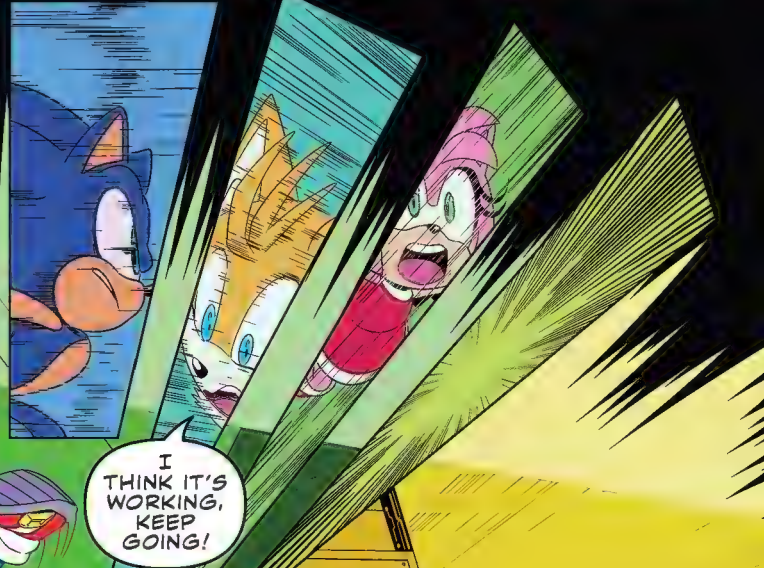
MY TURN FOR A LITTLE EXPERIMENT... HANG ON TIGHT!



IF THIS PLACE WANTS TO SHIFT AROUND ON US...

...LET'S SEE IF IT CAN KEEP UP WITH ME!

BOOM



I THINK IT'S WORKING, KEEP GOING!



WHOA--NO WAY!

WHERE
TO NOW?

I'M NOT
EVEN SURE
WHICH WAY
IS UP...

WHUH--
ARE YOU
SURE?

NOPE! BUT
SOMETHING'S
TELLING ME
THAT IF WE
CAN OUT-PACE
THIS MAZE,
THEN...

...WE
CAN BREAK
IT TOO!

FASTER.

PIKO

?!

NEXT TIME:
A BACKSTAGE PASS!



NEXT MONTH



SONIC

LETTERS SQUAD

*Greetings, Sonic Squad! Whoa... there are like six Sonics on that last page... how are they going to escape the tower!? Thank you for joining Evan Stanley, Adam Bryce Thomas, Reggie Graham, and Shawn Lee for the "Test Run," part one! Now, let's check out your art and get to know a little bit more about artist **Adam Bryce Thomas**!*



I absolutely loved Chao Races and Badnik Bases! What a phenomenal first arc for Evan Stanley both artistically and in the writing. Speaking of the art, I absolutely loved both Evan's lineart in the three issues of the arc she drew and Reggie Graham's absolutely fantastic coloring work. They're a phenomenal duo and I hope we see them working together in the comics more going forward <3

On the writing side, I loved getting to see so much of Amy, Rouge, and Cream who all had so many amazing moments! Shadow was great in this arc as well and I hope we get to see more of his caring side that was in this arc going forward. And Belle was so wonderful! An amazing character who I hope sticks around to be a regular member of the cast because I really want to see more of her.

Sincerely, Cluster

Hi, Cluster!

Thank you so much for your kind words,

we are thrilled to have Evan as a writer on the book and so delighted that fans have enjoyed her first arc. It's always so special, too, when a writer can illustrate their own story, as they can make slight script adjustments as the art takes on a life of its own. But it's also great when other artists and colorists take over art duties as they bring a new perspective to a script and story that keeps things interesting.

Now that Amy is free of Restoration duties, I think we'll be seeing a lot more of her! Cream probably has some TV to catch up on, Rouge has to steal some jewels, and Shadow has to do... whatever Shadow does, but Belle will be sticking around! She's working to find her place in the Restoration and the world.

Thanks for joining us, Squad. Don't forget to send your art and letters to letters@idwpublishing.com, and make sure to mark them: "OKAY TO PRINT!" And join the IDW Sonic Comics Squad on Facebook! Next month, find out what other mysteries the tower holds in "Test Run," part two!



CREATOR CORNER:

ADAM BRYCE THOMAS

1. What part of the Sonic comics do you create?

Linework mostly. Sometimes a colorist, but I much prefer going back to grayscale at the moment.

2. Who's your favorite Sonic character in the IDW books?

Metal Sonic hands down.

3. How do you take your chili dog?

Homemade potato bun, split and fried garlic knockwurst, strong bit of whole grain mustard, a hearty black and kidney bean chili, perhaps tinged with sauerkraut or jammy onions, sprinkles of freshly shredded aged cheddar.

4. How did you first discover Sonic?

When I was very young a friend of mine had a SEGA Genesis and a copy of Sonic 1 and 2. I mostly watched him and his brother play them. Later I rediscovered and played most of the major titles in my teens.

5. What was the first IDW Sonic issue you worked on?

Issue #2.

6. What's a boring fact about yourself?

I'm a HUGE coffee snob.

7. What's your favorite comic (besides Sonic)?

Kentaro Miura's Berserk.

8. What do you do when you're not drawing working on Sonic?



Drawing/working on other comics, freelance gigs, and Ian Flynn and I's webcomic Drogune.

9. What's the most unusual Sonic thing you own?

An old 1993 McDonald's toy of Sonic where you press a button and he shoots forward on wheels from a red, mangled lump of plastic.

10. If you could go to dinner with one Sonic character, who would it be and why?

Probably the Chaotix. They seem like they'd drive the conversation and be pretty chill.

11. What kind of animal would you be in Sonic's universe?

Owl.



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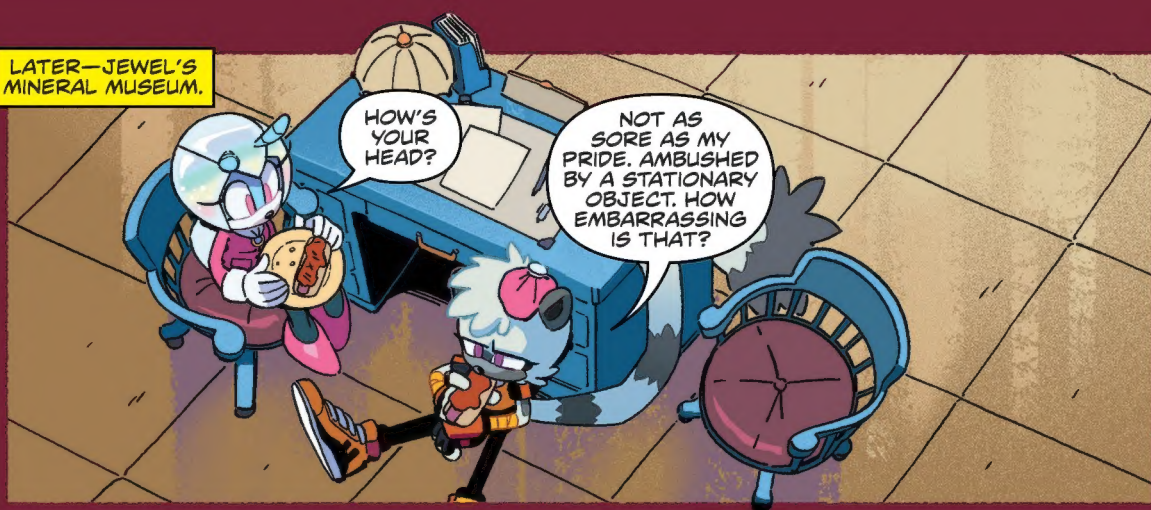
C'MON
EVERYONE!
IT'S A
GORGEOUS
DAY!

RACE YA
AROUND THE
VILLAGE!
ANYONE!
EVERYONE!





LATER—JEWEL'S MINERAL MUSEUM.





AND I COME HOME TO PEACE AND QUIET. I CAN'T STAND IT.



YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN LIKE THAT. SO WHAT'S STOPPING YOU FROM BEING LIKE SONIC? GOING OUT THERE AND FINDING YOUR OWN ADVENTURES?



I'VE THOUGHT ABOUT IT. SURE, IT'S TEMPTING, BUT WHAT IF SOMETHING DOES HAPPEN HERE?

EGGMAN'S ROBOTS ATTACKED ONCE.*

IT COULD HAPPEN AGAIN.

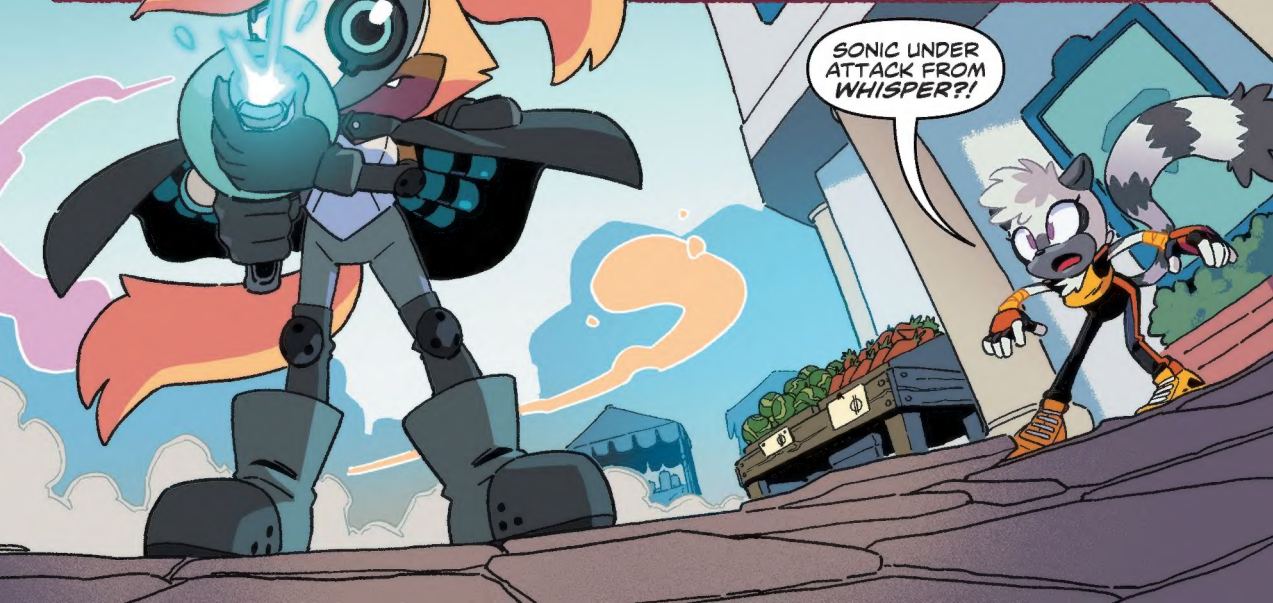
*SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #4.



AND IT'D BE THE FIRST TIME YOU'D BE FLYING SOLO. LONELY BEFORE YOU EVEN LEAVE?

THAT, AND NERVOUS. I WOULDN'T HAVE YOU TO WATCH MY BACK.







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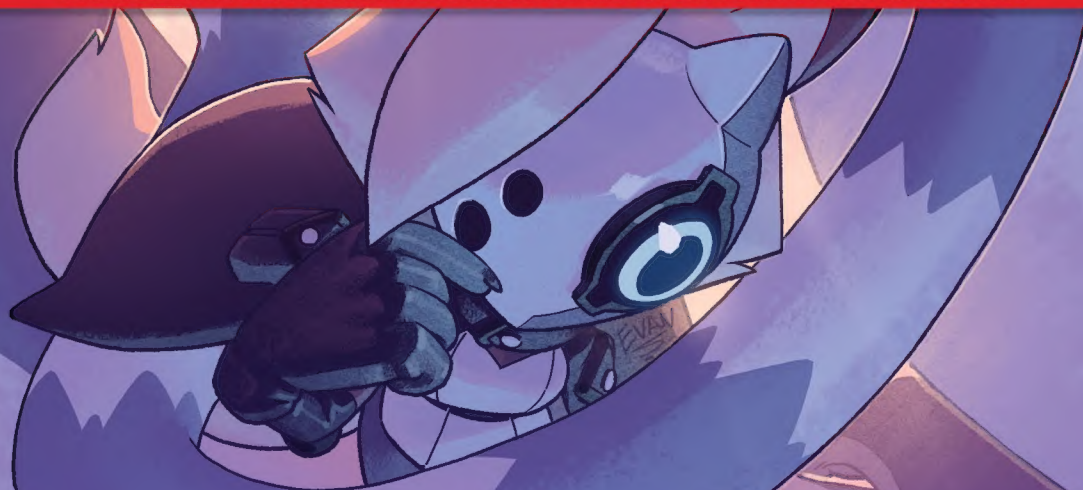
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